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REMARKS

Claims 3-5 and 8-15 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action dated August 05, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 8-15 and rejected claims 3-5 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claims 3 and 4 and respectfully submit that the claims as presented are allowable.

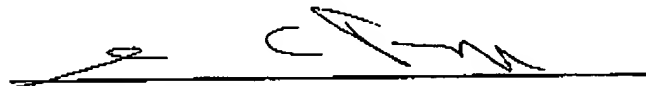
The Examiner rejected claims 3-5 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner provided a proposed amendment to claim 3 to overcome the rejection. Applicants have included all of the proposed amendments to claim 3 except for the proposed change to the clock enabling step. The Examiner suggested changing "subsequent to the disabling the clock signal, enabling the clock signal" to --subsequent to the calculating of the second correlation result, enabling the clock signal--. Applicants have not made this change and respectfully submit that the claim is allowable without the change. The specification does not indicate that the clock must be enabled after the calculating the second correlation result. Claim 3 recites "subsequent to enabling the clock signal, shifting a second string of samples of the received signal into the register according to the clock signal." Applicants submit that the two steps recited above indicate the appropriate timing since the clock is enabled at some point in time after it has been disabled but before the second string of samples are shifted into the register. The Examiner stated that the step reciting "subsequent to the disabling the clock signal, enabling the clock signal" was apparently erroneous since the clock signal can't be enabled "subsequent to" (i.e. right after the disabling operation.) Applicants respectfully submit that the phrase "subsequent to" indicates an order of events and does not indicate "right after" or any time period.

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Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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